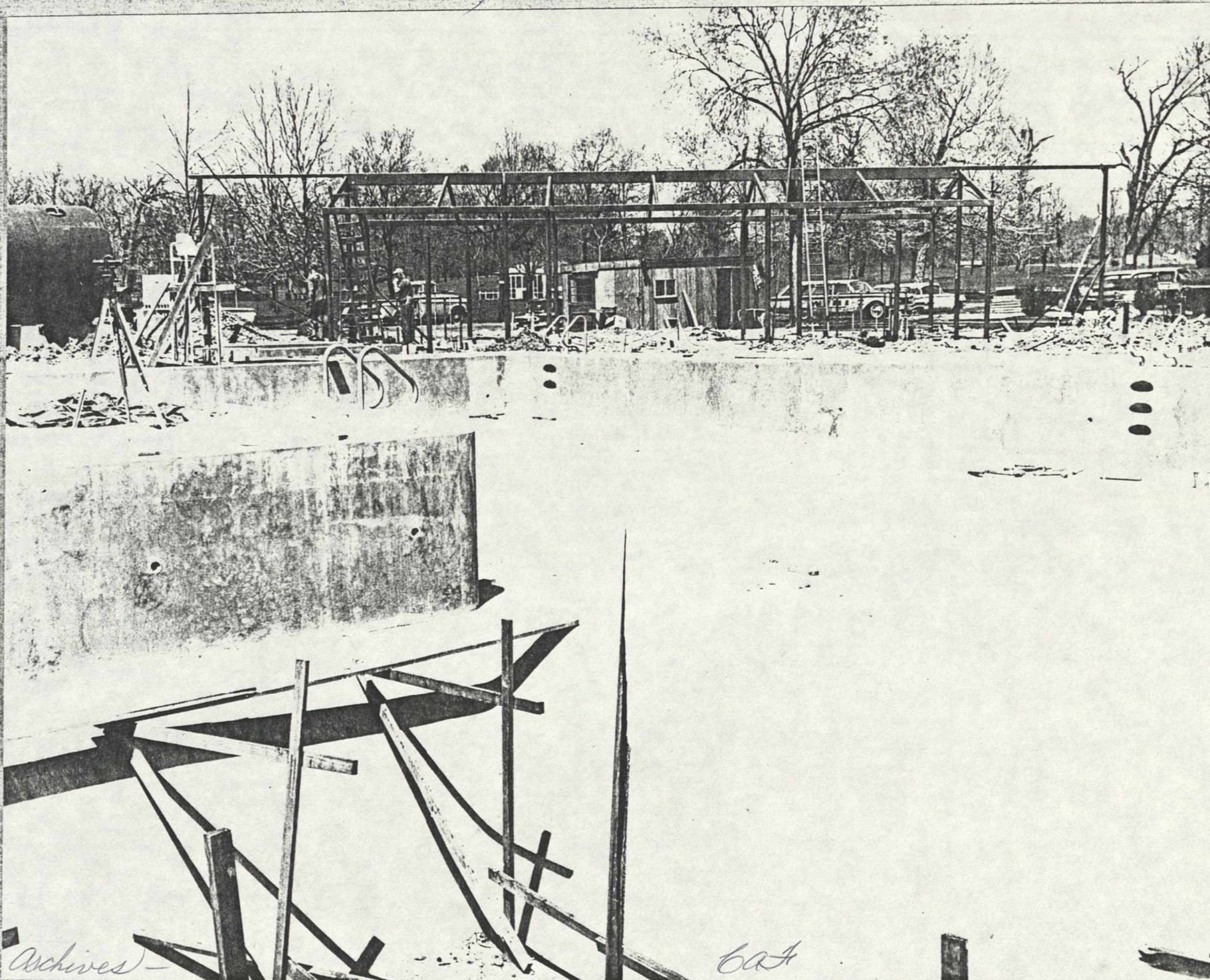


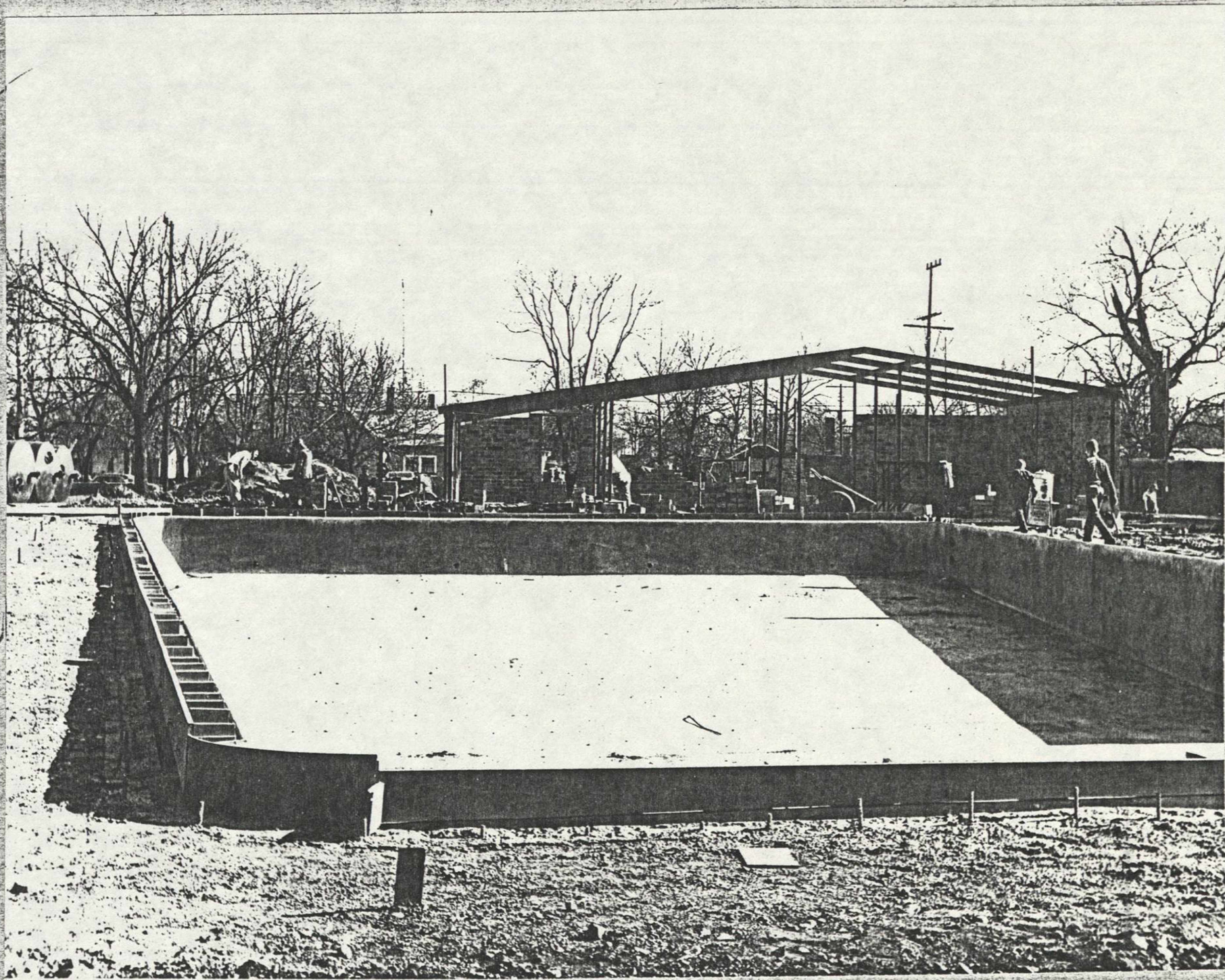
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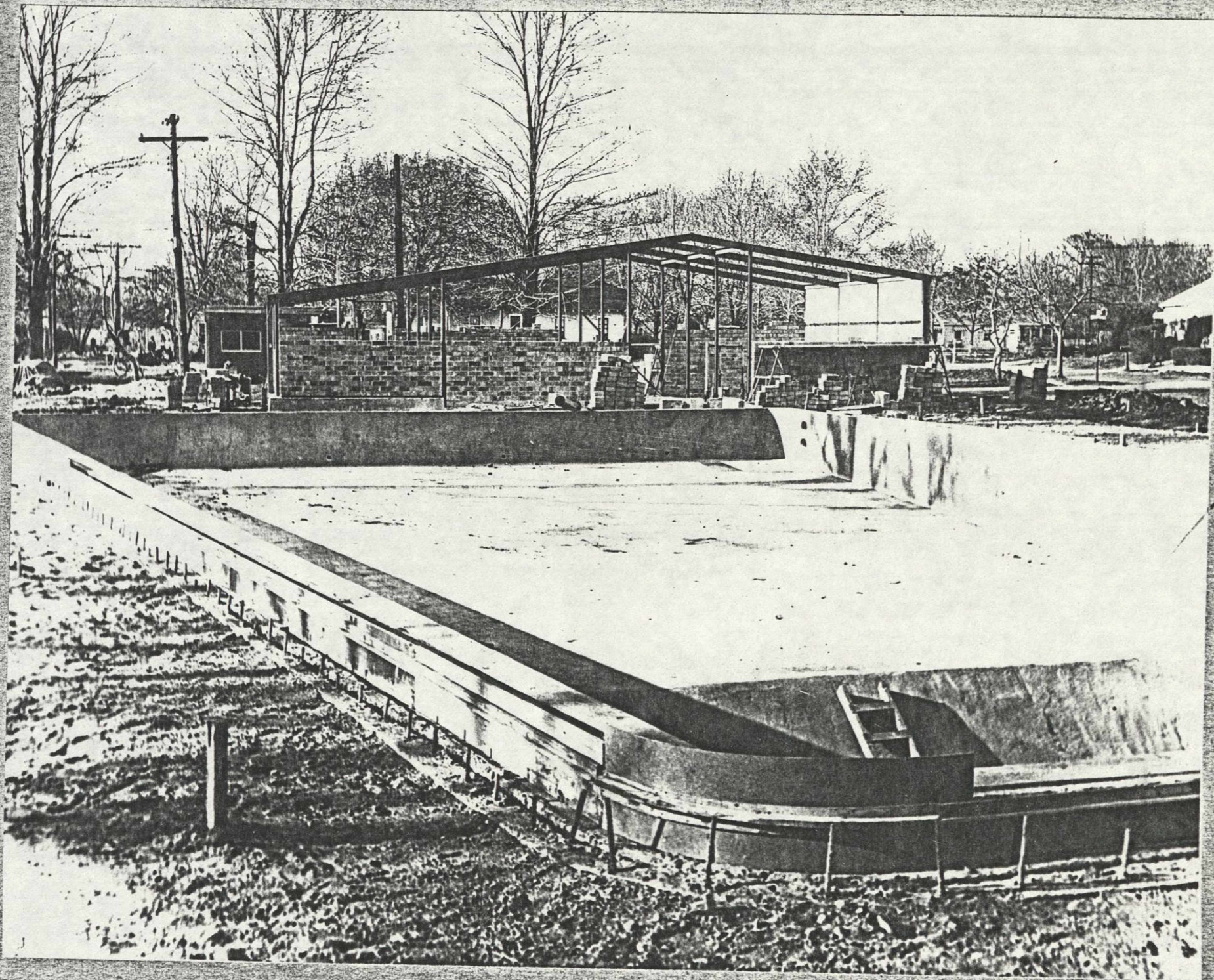
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Voorhees Park

Voorhees Park Cleaned.

Residents in the vicinity of Voorhees Park on the Prairieton Road near the Commercial distillery are rejoicing over the action of Park Superintendent Frank Brubeck, who has a number of men at work cleaning up the park and preparing for the season. A neat iron fence is being erected around the property and other improvements, such as new shrubs and flowers, have been made. Superintendent Brubeck announced Tuesday that he would place several dozen seats and benches in the park and would do everything in his power to beautify the place and make it a worthy community center for the southwest part of the city.

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**Voorhees Park
dedication May 28**

1982 The public is invited to the
May 28 dedication ceremony
of Voorhees Park, which has
recently undergone ex-
tensive renovation.

MAY According to Pat Ralston,
park superintendent, approx-
imately \$250,000 has been
spent on the park's renova-
tion. Funding has come from
both Community Develop-
ment Block Grants and the
Bureau of Outdoor Recrea-
tion.

The park itself has ob-
tained new roads, a parking
lot, ball diamond and shelter
renovation, new playground
equipment, landscaping and
new lights. The pool also
received improvements, in-
cluding filter and plumbing
work, deck refurbishing, in-
terior pool work and fence
repair.

Mayor P. Pete Chalos is
expected to make the dedi-
cation speech.

The ceremony begins at 3
p.m.

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VOORHEES PARK

Parks and Recreation (Kno3)

Redevelopment OKs contract for Voorhees Park renovation

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A contract for renovation of Voorhees Park, acceptance from the county of about 400 tax default lots and additional help for building inspections in the downtown area were among the items approved by the Terre Haute Redevelopment Commission today during a special meeting at City Hall.

With a low bid of \$108,503.90, Major and Son Inc. was awarded a contract for Voorhees Park renovation, which could begin next month and is expected to take about five and a half months to complete.

Plans include installation of new playground equipment, according to reports.

The commission approved today a resolution authorizing acceptance of about 400 tax default properties at a cost of \$1 per lot to be paid to the county.

Previous owners' failure to pay taxes on the properties resulted in

county ownership of the lots.

The Redevelopment Department has reportedly received more than 700 applications to purchase the properties.

An agreement with Daniel E. Sanders, Sanders & Associates Inc., to inspect designated buildings in the downtown area was also approved by the commission.

Inspections will be performed between April 24 and May 24 at a cost \$45 for each building inspected, according to the agreement.

The agreement also allows for more "detailed" inspection of "certain" buildings "if deemed necessary" for a fee of \$95 per building.

Redevelopment department director Marc Elliott explained that due to the downtown redevelopment program, supplemental inspection assistance was needed in order to complete necessary inspections within a

specific time period.

He indicated Sanders role will be documentation of code violations.

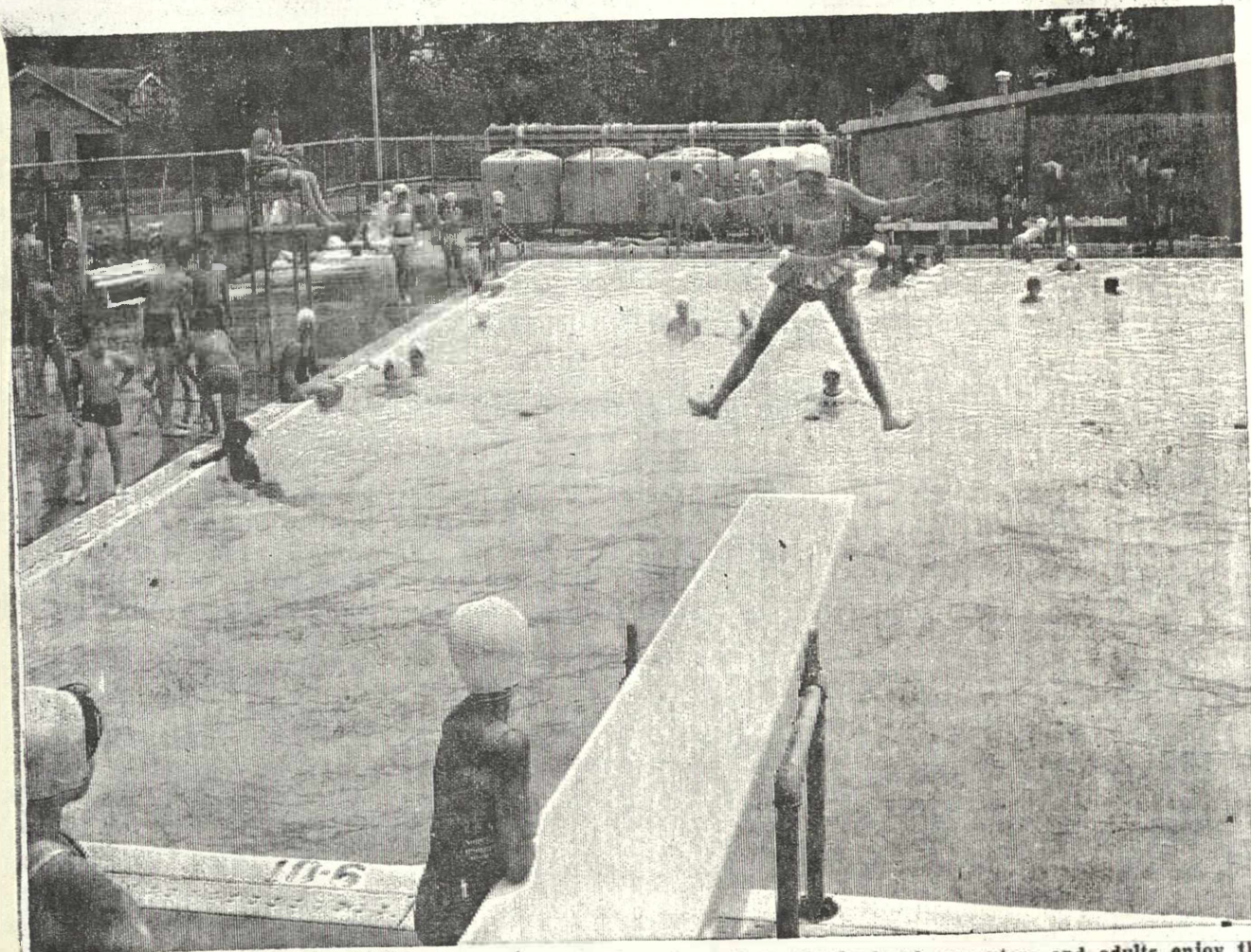
Sidewalk-curb improvements at 17 city addresses were approved for construction under the community-wide public site improvements program, funds for which are included in the 1980 HUD Community Development Block Grant Budget.

In other business, a contract for survey services with William T. Crowley Jr. & Associates, was approved. The agreement includes a base fee of \$175 to \$200 per lot.

A redevelopment department spokesman indicated at least 75 lots for turnkey housing projects will need to be completed this year.

Commission members Cliff Lambert, John Hanley and Louis K. Ross completed the business of the special session in less than an hour. Commissioners Marie Dick and William Cline were absent.

Voorhees,



DOING THE BACKFLIP AT VOORHEES PARK—Most of the attention seems to be centered on the girl jumping backward into the swimming pool from the diving board at Voor-

hees Park. Hundreds of youngsters and adults enjoy the cool of the pool each summer. Photo by Martin.

By **DICK SUTLIFF**

Tribune Staff Writer

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A park is a park is a park.

Not necessarily, as many local residents who've traveled for miles to find recreation, have discovered.

But there's really no need for putting all those miles on the family car, when it's possible to stay within the city limits and have just as much fun.

And not nearly so far to drive when it's time to put away the swim suit, pack up the fishing tackle and wrap the left-over food to take back home to Fido.

Two of the smaller, but quite popular, city parks are located on opposite ends of town—Sheridan Park on the north at 2825 Buckeye St., and Voorhees Park on the south at 230 W. Voorhees St.

Easily the top attraction at Sheridan and Voorhees are the swimming pools, one in each park. But there are also a number of other facilities available, especially for the picnic enthusiast or those striving for physical fitness.

Voorhees Park was sold to the city for \$900 by Benjamin F. Boring, a school teacher and Civil War veteran. The park was acquired in 1910. It contains 17.4 acres of land, and is located opposite the Weston Paper and Manufacturing Co.

The swimming pool operation now at the park is the second one to have graced the recreation area. The first pool attracted many folks in the early part of this century, but it was closed by lack of a water puri-

fication system as required by state regulations.

Honors Senator Voorhees

The park was named in memory of Daniel W. Voorhees, a Terre Haute attorney who served with great distinction in both houses of Congress in the latter half of the 19th Century. He served four terms in the House, beginning in 1860, and was elected to the Senate three times, beginning in 1878.

Senator Voorhees, an eloquent speaker, was fondly referred to by his colleagues as "the tall Sycamore of the Wabash."

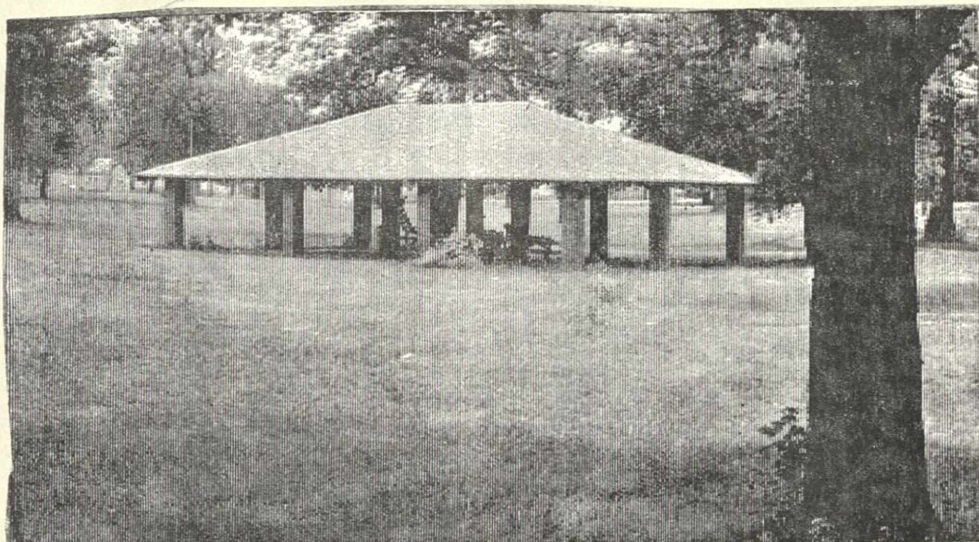
Voorhees was born Sept. 26, 1827, in Butler County, Ohio, but moved with his parents to Fountain County when he was but two months old. He grew up on a farm near Covington, and became one of the famous orators of the era. Voorhees died in Washington, D. C., on April 10, 1897.

Sheridan and Voorhees parks are only two of the 19 parks that comprise the city park system. But both of them continue to attract numerous visitors as the park department works continuously to improve the facilities.

Mayor Leland Larrison spends a good deal of his time—spare

time, at that—running routine inspections of city parks. Hardly a day goes by that one doesn't see park employees making repairs and improvements.

It's the mayor's contention that Terre Haute residents should not have to drive for many miles simply to find places to rest and relax or to have a family picnic and engage in outdoor activities. Sheridan and Voorhees parks are not far from where you live.



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 THE WELL-KEPT SHELTERS at Voorhees Park beckon picnickers and provide pleasant, sanitary surroundings for a family outing. There are two picnic shelters available in the Photo by Martin.

Voorhees

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Parks & Recreation - Vigo Co.

Proposed park improvements discussed

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Members of the Krumhbaar Neighborhood Association discussed proposed improvements to Voorhees Park during a Tuesday night meeting.

Attending were 55 members of the Krumhbaar Neighborhood Association, with two Terre Haute Park and Recreation officials and a city policeman.

Park Superintendent Patrick Ralston and Nancy Braxton, park planner, discussed the use of \$50,000 in Community

Development Block Grant monies being allocated for improvements at the park located in the city's southwest corner along Prairieton Road.

Use of \$140,000 in city-wide funds the park department is applying for through the Recovery Action Program in October also was explained.

Short and long term proposals for park improvements, including additional park benches, park lighting, tennis and basketball courts and parking space, were pre-

sented by the group.

Also present at the meeting was Sgt. George Ralston, head of the Police Department's tactical unit for high crime areas which was formed in January.

In other action, members voted unanimously on a request made last week by the mayor for assistance in the community-wide effort to "Brush up on Terre Haute." The Krumhbaar neighborhood is in the first target area.

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Voorhees Park project plans to be prepared

Parks and Recreation (Wigo Co.)

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Terre Haute Redevelopment Commission members Friday approved a resolution allowing Snell Environmental Inc. to prepare final engineering plans for improvements at Voorhees Park.

About \$100,000 in federal funds have been appropriated for the project which is scheduled to begin next spring.

Commission members also approved a resolution for improvements on the city's central eastside.

Marc Elliott, executive director of the city's redevelopment department, planned improvements at the park include regrading turf and landscaping, construction of an asphalt road servicing the ball diamond and swimming pool areas, construction of an asphalt walkway alongside the new road, installation of more playground equipment, rehabilitation of an existing shelter, redesign of the ball diamond for multiple use as a soccer field, and construction of bleachers.

Elliott also said other funds are being used to rehabilitate the swimming pool.

City officials are awaiting the results of an engineering study through

a Terre Haute Sanitary District project to determine needs of separating sanitary and storm sewers on the central eastside of Terre Haute. Elliott said, the city could qualify for 75-25 percent federal funding through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Since there is a chance the city will qualify for additional federal funding within the next three years, Elliott has recommended a preliminary engineering report specifying projects and a tentative timetable for the central eastside project be amended.

A resolution amending preliminary engineering plans prepared by Beam, Longest & Neff Inc. and Sebree, Craig & McKnight Inc. project engineers was approved by the commission.

Project officials will amend their plans to concentrate initially on areas between 13th and 22nd streets from Locust Street north to Eighth Avenue and from 23rd and 25th streets between Chase Street and Wabash Avenue, according to Mark Blade, assistant director of the redevelopment department.

Blade said plans for the extreme northern sector of the project area

will be delayed for about three years when more money can be spent improving the sewer system. He said original plans were to begin improvements in this area during the first year of the project.

Also included in first year plans now is construction of curbs and sidewalks on Wabash Avenue from 10th to 19th streets. The Indiana State Highway plans to resurface Wabash Avenue from U.S. Highway 41 to Rose-Hulman next year, too.

A report was received from the U.S. Department of Interior advising the commission the city's Urban Park Recovery Action Plan has been approved. Terre Haute is now eligible for 70-30 percent federal funding. Previous funding was provided on a 50-50 percent matching basis.

Public hearings for proposed amendments to the 1980 Community Development Block Grant budget are to be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 in the City Hall courtroom. The Department of Redevelopment will sponsor the hearings.

Park Perspective

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by Patrick Reiston,

City Parks Superintendent

Parks & Recreation Voorhees Park

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The Park featured this week is Voorhees Park which is located at 230 Voorhees Street at State Highway 63 on Terre Haute's southwest side. Voorhees Park has a total of 17.40 acres and has several mature trees through the park.

Voorhees Park was named after Daniel Wolsey Voorhees who was a United States Senator. He was born in Ohio in 1827 and died in Washington City in 1897. He lived in Terre Haute for a number of years after he began to practice law. During his law career he gained a wide reputation as a democratic orator. Daniel Voorhees was also a member of Congress for several years. He was appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill the unexpired term of Oliver P. Morton and was then elected to two terms thereafter. Daniel Voorhees was an unusually large man, possessing a ponderous frame. During his political career he received the nickname, "The Tall Sycamore of the Wabash". A trip to the Harrison Mansion at Vincennes, Indiana, where a pair of his trousers are on exhibition will attest to the fact that he was of gigantic proportions.

Senator Voorhees was the driving force behind the construction of the Library of Congress Building in Washington D.C. It is considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.

Senator Voorhees became friends with Abraham Lincoln while practicing law in Covington, Indiana. Voorhees was sympathetic to the southern cause during the Civil War but supported Lincoln's efforts to preserve the Union.

The property that is now known as Voorhees Park was sold to the City of Terre Haute for the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) by Benjamin F. Boring on December 24, 1909. Since the Park's inception, this area has been considered a neighborhood park.

In 1961, a new swimming pool was constructed for the residents of the south end of Terre Haute. Playground equipment was also added in the 1960's. In the 1970's, a basketball court was added along with a softball diamond. In 1981 the Parks Department received a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant from the Department of the Interior for the renovation of Voorhees Park. Also at that time, the Department of Redevelopment renovated the swimming pool at Voorhees Park. Additional parking was added, new restroom/shelter facility, landscaping, new playground equipment and new softball complex.

Voorhees Park is continuing to serve the south end residents and offers a variety of recreational possibilities for the entire family.

The public is welcome to attend the Grand Opening Dedication Ceremonies of the new Torner Community Center in Deming Park on Tuesday, April 30, at 5:00 p.m. Come and view the new center which will serve the public with a variety of new year-round programming. We are very proud of our new facility.